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April 18, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Union Carbide Corp.
La Sal - Snowball Mines
San Juan County
ACT/037/026

This mining operation was inspected on April 12, 1978 by Mike Thompson and Jim Smith of the Division and Kent Dahlquist and Ron Evans of Union Carbide.

A new entry for this operation is being driven in an area behind the La Sal store and will be known as the Beaver shaft. A possible fourth entry may be driven at a later date. The vegetation in the area is primarily sagebrush. The surface facilities at the new shaft will include a hoist house, waste dump and ore stockpile and will disturb more than two (2) acres including the access road.

A county road leads to the La Sal decline and continues around past Atlas Mineral's Pandora Mine to the Snowball entry. A letter should be sent to the county for verification.

The natural drainage channel below the Snowball entry is obstructed where the road crosses and needs to be opened up to prevent washing out.

The revegetation mixture should include some Indian ricegrass at a rate of one (1) pound per acre and yellow sweetclover at a rate of two (2) pounds per acre for a more diversified composition.

The operation and the Mining and Reclamation Plan appear to be satisfactory. As soon as a map and ammendment to the Plan indicating the new surface disturbances for the Beaver shaft are received, tentative approval can be granted.

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